

THE BATTLE OF THE BALLOTS.

Chances Are For a "Dry" Victory in North Danville To-Day.

EACH SIDE WORKING VIGOROUSLY.

Mr. W. W. New Very Ill.—The Richmond and Danville to Build a New Bridge Over the State.

DANVILLE, VA., July 15.—[Special].—The exciting Prohibition campaign, which has been shaking North Danville from centre to circumference for the last thirty days, came to an end to-night. Both sides had big open-air meetings which were largely attended, and were addressed by able speakers. It is, of course, impossible to predict the result of the election which comes off to-morrow, but the present indications are that the "drys" have the inside track and will win. There is still considerable excitement, and the amount of wire-working that is resorted to to-morrow by both sides will be something wonderful to behold.

MR. NEW VERY ILL.—Mr. William W. New, a member of the city council and a prominent citizen, is dangerously ill with pneumonia at his residence in this city. Mr. New is a native of Richmond, where he has many relatives and friends, but he has been living in Danville for about twenty years.

NEW RICHMOND AND DANVILLE BRIDGE.—The Richmond and Danville Railroad Company has commenced the erection of an elegant bridge over their track at the southern extension of Main street, this city. The bridge is to be a very wide one, and a street-car track wagon-way, a walk-way and a street-car track. The bridge is to be completed by the end of the year. The street-car company will extend their lines to the beautiful new park on the property of the West End Land Company.

The three-year-old daughter of Mr. E. S. Arnett, a member of the city council, died to-day after a long and painful illness, and the funeral will take place to-morrow morning. This is the third child Mr. Arnett has lost inside of twelve months.

ALEXANDRIA.—Attempted Jail Delivery.—Church Choirs, Personal and General.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., July 15.—[Special].—Some excitement was created around the city and county jail the other evening by Jim Clift endeavoring to liberate a prisoner by putting a rope over the yard wall. Clift had just been discharged from the jail, he being only sent there for misdoings, caused by strong drink, and though he once intended to go into the Williams street tunnel with him, and put a pistol ball into her head, is not regarded as a bad man. The prisoner he liberated was one of the young Smiths, who broke into several stores and residences, tapping their tills and taking whatever they pleased. They are now in jail for some time longer.

The improvements noticeable among the church choirs here are worthy of mention. The choirs of St. Paul's, St. Mary's, Grace, the Southern Methodist, Second Presbyterian and that often for at the little German Lutheran church have made considerable progress—evidently brought about by the singing at one of the colored Baptist churches. St. Paul's has an especially fine quartette, composed of Mrs. W. H. Berkeley, soprano; Miss Florence Evans, contralto; Mr. Frank Edwards, tenor; and Mr. George H. Evans, baritone, who, with several other ladies and gentlemen carefully picked and Mr. Sherman B. Fowler as organist, are now drawing large numbers to that church, some from Washington.

Since about the 1st of March 20 new houses have been erected here, and since January there have been nearly 260 interments, 200 of them being deaths in the city, an unusually large number, though upwards of 75 were children under four years, and 65 were people over sixty-five.

A silver and silver and a vein of fine ore of leaden properties have been recently discovered in Loudoun by a Pennsylvania mining expert.

Dr. Harold Snowden, of the Gazette, is back in his soft cushioned chair, and though not entirely recovered as yet, he is making his usual trips to Washington.

Among those here from abroad recently was Mr. Geo. Latham, who was with several Alexandrians, engineering in Costa Rica, after the war. He is now engaged in engineering in Jamaica.

The grand jury failed to take up the Dove drowning matter, but the people are determined that such culpable negligence shall not go unpunished.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.—Municipal Officers Elected.—New Enterprises. Divorce Granted.—Personal.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., July 15.—[Special].—At the first annual meeting of the new city council the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: J. M. Godwin, clerk of the council; W. C. Payne, overseer of the poor; S. M. Keller, chief of police; G. W. Spooner, city engineer; T. J. Williams, superintendent gas and water; Dr. R. W. Nelson, physician to the poor and health officer; W. A. Watson was elected street commissioner over several contestants after several ballots had been taken. Mr. L. T. Hanchel was elected president of the council. The police force were then sworn in by the mayor and the standing committees announced.

Mr. S. A. Birch, of Corvallis, this county, has decided to move his cooping establishment to this city and will probably add machinery for the manufacture of baskets and berry boxes. The land company has donated a lot for this new enterprise. It is estimated that the apple crop of Albemarle will require 30,000 barrels for that portion which will be shipped. Mr. Birch is a very large shipper, especially for export purposes, and buys the fruit on the trees in many instances. He has quite a reputation for handling the famous Albemarle pippins.

The Rio Milling and Manufacturing Company, with a capacity of seventy-five barrels of flour per day, expect to have their mill in operation by all crops that the Rio mill ground is covered, and they are so numerous in parts as to be an inch deep. Several farmers have lost their entire crops. Many of these farmers have suffered for the last four years from drought, and it is feared great distress will be caused by this new pest.

Judge Duke, of the Corporation Court, has entered a decree granting an absolute divorce to Mr. W. J. Carr, and the custody of his child, Mr. Carr was until recently joint tenant agent for the Chesapeake and Ohio and Richmond and Danville railroads at the junction in this place.

Resolutions of esteem and respect to the memory of the late John B. Spiece were offered by Colonel R. T. W. Duke yesterday at a meeting of the Bar of Albemarle county and unanimously adopted. Touching remarks were made by Messrs. S. V. Southall, Thomas Wood and J. L. Gordon. Colonel J. H. Huxley Pendleton, of the Virginia Military Institute, and bride (nee Miss Mary Louise White) arrived in Charlottesville yesterday after an extended tour and are at the residence of Mrs. Pendleton's father, Judge John M. White.

PRETTY WEDDING.—Mr. Marion Watts Wedded to Miss Blanche Taylor at Staunton.

STAUNTON, VA., July 15.—[Special].—A very pretty wedding took place this morning at the residence of Mr. James E. Taylor, the bride's father, at which time Miss Blanche Taylor was married to Mr. Marion Watts. The bride wore a handsome traveling dress of gray Henrietta cloth with red and blue trimmings. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Walter O. Hulthsen. Only the immediate friends and relatives of the family were present. Mr. and Mrs. Watts left on the 9:30 train for Old Point. They will make their home in Staunton. Mrs. Watts has many relatives and friends in your city, and spent a great deal of time with them.

NEWPORT NEWS.—Grand Jury Indictments.—Dover Baptist Association.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., July 15.—[Special].—The grand jury closed its work yesterday. There were quite a number of indictments. Among those indicted were ex-Alderman for the Commonwealth James A. Fields, Mr.

Fields practiced law through his term of office without a license of Newport News have been greatly cheered as to the prospects of growth by the fact that a five-years' contract has been signed between the Chesapeake and Ohio railway and C. Furness for the steamship lines from here to Liverpool, London and Glasgow. The report has also been made, seemingly on good authority, that we are to have another railroad running here in the near future.

The one hundred and eighth session of the Dover Association will be held in the Baptist church here next week—on at Williamsburg as was reported in to-day's TIMES. A large delegation is expected. Several missionaries will sail from here for Brazil on the 18th on the September. A farewell meeting will be held at the Baptist church on Friday evening, 17th.

PETERSBURG POINTS.—Big Tobacco Buyer—Narrow Escape From a Terrible Death—Minor Mention.

PETERSBURG, VA., July 15.—[Special].—Mr. Fuerstenau, representing a large and wealthy tobacco firm in Bremen, Germany, is in the city to-day, and visited all of the large tobacco factories in Petersburg. It is said that Mr. Fuerstenau is here to invest \$400,000 in lead tobacco for the German market if he can buy the "golden leaf" at satisfactory prices.

Last night at a late hour Mr. David Cain, residing on Commerce street, had a very narrow escape from being crushed to death by a freight train in the depot yard of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company in this city. He attempted to jump on the train, and was struck by one of the cars and knocked under the train. Captain Day, who happened to be near at the time, pulled Cain from the track and but for this timely assistance he would certainly have been killed. Cain has been engaged to-day serving notices on the owners of property on Bank, Tabb, Canal, Brown, Lombard, Second and Washington streets to the effect that at the next meeting of the city council the street committee will ask for the sidewalk on the streets named paved with concrete. The street committee have recently had some very decided improvements made to the streets.

Intelligence was received here to-day of the death of Mrs. Mamie Harwood, wife of Dr. William E. Harwood, of this city, which occurred this morning at Bedford City. When Mrs. Harwood left here a week ago for Bedford City, she was in her usual health. The first intimation of her illness was a telegram received yesterday by her husband, Dr. Harwood, on receipt of the telegram left immediately for Bedford City.

A lot on Guarantee street has been given by the trustees of St. Paul's Episcopal church to the Home for the Sick. The ladies who have charge of the Home will at once commence to raise funds with which to build a handsome home.

Horace Brown and Creedy Bland, colored, inmates of the city jail, were adjudged insane to-day and ordered to be sent to the asylum.

SMITH COUNTY.—Fine Weather and Good Crops—Pleasant Social Gathering.

MARION, VA., July 15.—[Special].—We have been having delightful weather here, the mercury vibrating during the days and nights from 80 degrees down to 64 degrees. Crops are looking finely, corn is laid by the oat and meadow crop is good, and is now being harvested.

Our new town council, like all new brooms, is sweeping clean, and our streets are now being thoroughly cleaned and repaired—a much-needed work long neglected.

A large party of our young people, chaperoned by Mrs. George W. Richardson and Mrs. Brown, went out to White Top Mountain last week. They report a good time, but that fires were necessary to be comfortable on the mountain. Another party will go out as soon as the weather gets warmer.

Our private boarding houses are filled with people from the South, and more would come here if they could be accommodated.

Legislative candidates are looking up, and it seems to be principally Alliance men who are not wise to see their country.

The party given on the 4th instant by Judge R. A. Richardson of the Court of Appeals is reported to have been a grand success—a result anticipated, as the Judge is known not to do anything by halves.

Board of Trustees Meet.

LEXINGTON, VA., July 15.—[Special].—The board of trustees of the Washington and Lee University are in special session, transacting some important private business, the nature of which could not be learned. They made a handsome appropriation for decorating the grounds and buildings of the college for the unveiling of the Jackson statue.

Western Traffic Association.

NEW YORK, July 15.—At to-day's meeting of the advisory board of the Western Traffic Association a number of the members of the association absented themselves. Jay Gould and his chief lieutenant, Sidney Dillon, were among the missing. Mr. Gould is said to be in a very delicate state of health, and it is said that he has left the city. His residence, which was where he was yesterday, is now apparently deserted. The meeting adjourned at noon to-day, and was almost barren of positive results. The fact is that the utter failure of all negotiations with the obdurate outside lines has a depressing effect on the association. The matter was postponed for the consideration of the commissioners in October next.

Ministerial Matrimonial Runaway.

BIRMINGHAM, ENGL., July 14.—[Special].—A runaway marriage in ministerial life is the latest thing on the docket. A few weeks ago Rev. Godwin, a Christian minister, came here from Louisville, Ky., to take charge of the church here. Yesterday he arrived in the city from Jonesboro, where he had met Miss Henley, who had come all the way from Cincinnati to wed him, as her parents, it seems, objected to the match. Mr. Godwin is a very able preacher, and has made an enviable reputation here already.

A large crowd of Johnson city's prominent people will go over to the famous Natural Tunnel to-morrow to see the wonders of the world.

The Grasshopper Pest.

BRUSH, CO., July 15.—Ten miles south of here grasshoppers are devastating all plant life which lies in their course. Their work extends over twelve miles, and they had fair to waste all crops that the Rio mill ground is covered, and they are so numerous in parts as to be an inch deep. Several farmers have lost their entire crops. Many of these farmers have suffered for the last four years from drought, and it is feared great distress will be caused by this new pest.

N. G. Hyder Suicides.

JOHNSON CITY, TENN., July 15.—Mr. N. G. Hyder, a well-to-do shoemaker of this city, committed suicide to-day by blowing out his brains with a revolver.

Mr. Hyder was a young man, and very popular. He had been in the city only a few days. Family trouble over his unsatisfactory marriage led him to the rash act.

A Lion at Large.

ROCK ISLAND, ILL., July 15.—A panic occurred at yesterday's performance of Forepaugh's circus. There were 6,000 persons in attendance, when a lion in some manner got out of its cage and the immense crowd rushed for the street. Fortunately no one was killed in the rush, but several were seriously injured. The lion did not get very far away from his cage, as the employees easily drove him under his wagon, where he was held by loose pieces until the crowd could depart.

General Keller's Condition No Better.

OAKLAND, MD., July 15.—There is no improvement in the condition of Major-General R. P. Keller, the "old hero of Philippi," as he is known in this section. He can take no nourishment and his condition is steadily near exhaustion. The absent members of his family were sent for several days ago, but it is not thought that they can arrive in time to see him alive.

Physicians in Convention.

NEW YORK, July 15.—The International Medical Congress convened at Prohibition Park, Fort Richmond, Staten Island, this morning. Dr. S. Davis, M. D., of Chicago, presided and delivered the opening introductory address. The convention will be continued to-morrow.

Administration Building at the Fair.

CHICAGO, July 15.—Contracts have been awarded for the construction of the Administration building of the World's Fair. The total cost of the building will be \$278,492.

THE COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.

Meeting of Business Men in the Interest of Virginia's Exhibit.

MAJOR J. HOGE TYLER'S APPEAL.

Colonel Berkeley Welcomes the Visitors and Mayor Eliason Responds.—The Committees Announced.

PULASKI CITY, VA., July 15.—[Special].—Virginia's maiden effort in the direction of proper representation at the World's Fair of 1893 has been crowned with gratifying success. The day has been pleasant, the crowd in attendance large, good natured, cheerful and enthusiastic; the speeches thoughtful, some of them witty, and all of them were recited well.

The work of moulding public sentiment in favor of liberal support of the scheme has been well and wisely planned. The committee was carefully selected, and nothing remains but for the people of the State to respond to the recommendations of the representative Virginians gathered here and the industrial history will be won.

Martin Williams, Esq., of Bland, one of the pioneers of the movement, then properly called the convention to order, and Rev. Alfred Jones invoked divine blessing on the body and its deliberations.

MAJOR TYLER'S ADDRESS.

Lieutenant-Governor Tyler presided over the temporary meeting, and on taking the chair delivered a short but striking address which was received with great satisfaction.

Among other things, he said: "We feel that not to have Virginia present, a State that has illuminated our nation's history with its brightest pages, and contributed so much to the progress of the world, would be an unfilial act, and we believe this meeting will speak in no uncertain words, declaring she must not, she will not, be unrepresented. What would the history of our country be if her name were omitted from the list of nations? The history of Virginia would be left like the play of Hamlet without Hamlet."

Though she has passed through the crucible of a devastating and ruinous war and has not yet laid aside mourning for her heroic sons, and though she may not be able to give the gorgeous robes of her sisters and her daughters, she must go bearing in her hands samples of the robes she will yet wear and which will make her the envy of all the world. We must show that our Mother State is not dead, neither is she discouraged, and though oppressed, she is not forsaken."

The address of welcome was made by Colonel R. B. Berkeley, and was responded to by Mayor Eliason, of Richmond. Colonel Whitehead enlivened the crowd with a characteristic speech, filled with fun and useful facts. The committees were then appointed as follows:

COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED.

The chairman announced the following committees:

Permanent Organizations.—Hon. Dr. J. Turner, Major Abner Koiner, Thomas Christian, Hon. R. C. Kent, J. C. Gernid, James S. Simms, Major William J. Joffie, Major R. V. Gainer.

Resolutions.—Dr. J. S. Apperson, Hon. John T. Harris, General V. D. Groner, Hon. W. P. Dupuy, Colonel A. S. Buford, C. A. Harman, Captain T. C. Morton, Captain E. W. Henry.

Arrangement.—D. D. Hall, Major W. K. Armstrong, Captain J. H. H. Figgart, Colonel M. Glennan, Oris Brown.

Pending a report of the committees the convention adjourned for dinner.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

At the afternoon meeting the following report from the committees on resolutions was adopted after Lieutenant-Governor Tyler was declared permanent chairman and Captain T. C. Morton secretary. The Columbian Exposition to be held in Chicago in the year 1893 promises to be the most extensive and complete the world has ever known, and will be visited by people from all parts of the civilized world and whereas the peculiar relative position of Virginia to the great extent in history and the conspicuous part performed by her in the foundation and maintenance of a government strong in its regard for the constitutional rights and religious liberty of its subjects make it pre-eminently fit that she should go to the great gathering of men and nations not only with the time-worn relics and historic testimony of an ancient and imperishable renown, but with exhibits of material wealth to be found in her fields and her forests and her mines, as also the modern and skillful artistry of her sons and daughters, and whereas a large number of the citizens of Virginia in convention assembled this day for the purpose of devising ways and means which shall assist the State in having a becoming exhibit at the World's Fair, therefore be it

Resolved, That thirty gentlemen, three from each Congressional district, together with the commissioners for Virginia heretofore appointed by the Governor, and the Commissioner of Agriculture of Virginia, be and are hereby associated together for the purpose of forming a committee, the members of which shall compose a body known as the World's Fair Association of Virginia, with the power to increase this number by admitting parties, persons or associations into such association, upon such terms and conditions as they may hereafter prescribe.

POWER OF ASSOCIATION.

The said association, viz., at its first meeting, elected a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and an executive committee of five or more, and shall have power to make such by-laws and adopt such rules and regulations as in their judgment shall be best to carry out the purposes of their organization.

Resolved, That this association, hereby constituted, procure an act of incorporation of such persons as are deemed advisable in order to better carry out the public ends in view.

Resolved, That the convention approves the proposition for the erection of a monument to Columbus by the Federal Government, situated in Hampton Roads, and respectfully recommend that our senators and representatives in Congress advocate the making of an appropriation to this end.

Resolved, That the convention recommend the active and earnest co-operation of the cities, towns and counties of the State, of the various land companies and corporations, of the General Assembly when in session, and the Governor of the State toward securing a fitting representation of this Commonwealth to the World's Fair.

THANKS TO OUR REPRESENTATIVES.

Resolved, That this convention tender its thanks to our senators and representatives in Congress in securing Hampton Roads as the rendezvous of the exhibitors, and the fleet of the world as part of the programme connected with the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of the American continent by Columbus.

Whereas, the exhibition of women's work is highly desirable at the World's Fair; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the women of Virginia be, and they are hereby requested to render their sympathy and best efforts in this important work.

OTHER SPEECHES.

Hon. J. T. Horner, General Groner, Colonel Buford and others made ringing addresses. The latter insisting with much enthusiasm and great fervor, that Virginia could not be excused the world over for her products in the vegetable and mineral kingdom.

The committee on permanent organization submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted: Hon. J. Hoge Tyler, president; Pulaski: Hon. Oris A. Brown, Cape Charles: Hon. W. P. Dupuy, Richmond; Colonel A. S. Buford, Richmond; Hon. W. P. Dupuy, Prince Edward; E. C. Pechin, Roanoke; Hon. John T. Harris, Rockingham; C. S. Corbin, King George; Hon. R. C. Kent, Wythe; Hon. A. Koiner, Augusta; vice presidents; Captain T. C. Morton, secretary.

At least a thousand people were present, and Virginia representative men from mountain to seashore and from river to river were present.

The absence of the Governor was regretted. The meeting of the farmers to-morrow promises to be largely attended. Hon. A. Koiner, Captain M. Brown, of Accomac, Mr. J. G. Gaines of Charlotte, and many other repre-

sentative farmers are already here, and others are expected on the evening train.

The World's Fair convention adjourned to meet in Norfolk on the 21st of October. The invitation came from Norfolk.

WELDON AND VICINITY.

Liquor Licenses Refused—Exhibit at the Exhibition.—The Crops—General.

WELDON, N. C., July 15.—[Special].—The Board of Commissioners of Northampton county have refused to grant any more licenses to retail spirituous liquors; consequently when licenses heretofore granted have expired the county will be "dry." There is a strong prohibition feeling in the county, and the action of the board is in deference to this element. The revenue law of the State says that no license can be granted when certain conditions are complied with, but the Superior Court in construing the word "shall," has given larger discretion to the board than would be implied by the bare words of the act.

Although the county authorities refused to make an appropriation for the Southern Interstate Exposition at Raleigh, a movement will be inaugurated in this county by far-seeing, enterprising citizens to have the resources of the county, both natural and cultivated, shown at the Exposition by private contribution. The state of the finances of the county rendered it inadvisable to appropriate any portion of the public funds for this purpose.

Certificates have been issued to almost every one interested in the direct tax fund. The amounts range from ten cents to a thousand dollars.

Captain E. A. Thorne has been elected delegate from this county to the State Alliance, which meets at Morehead City on the 11th. Dr. J. A. Collins is alternate. Both will attend.

The crops are in bad condition. They are about two weeks late, are full of grass on account of frequent rains and show a poor prospect for even a fair harvest. Late is scarce and in some places in this section of the State acres have been abandoned because of inability to secure labor. Both cotton and corn are small and fruiting slowly. Those who engaged in truck have been quite successful this season, and trucking has received an impetus which will double the acreage in vegetables and fruits next season.

It is currently reported and generally believed that the Jamesville and Washington railroad has been sold to the Suffolk and Carolina road, and that the latter will be extended from Monroe to Jamesville and on via Washington and Vanceboro to New Bern, where it will connect with the road now in course of construction from New Bern to Wilmington.

The Disciples of Grifton, a town in Pitt county, will dedicate their new house of worship on Sunday next, and an excursion train will be run from Kinston to that place to accommodate the large number of visitors who intend to be present on that interesting occasion.

MISS HELEN FOWLE TO WED.

All is Ready for the State Guard Encampment.—Mr. Busbee Improving.

RALPH, N. C., July 15.—[Special].—It is announced that Miss Helen Fowle, daughter of the late Governor Daniel G. Fowle, will be married on the 22d instant to Mr. Knight, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Chicago. Miss Fowle is a rare beauty, and up to the time of her father's death was one of the foremost belles and society ladies of the State.

A special from Wilmington states all is in readiness for the State Guard encampment, which opens there Friday. Tents have all been staked, four hundred and fifty in number; the battery is ready for action, six guns and mortars being mounted, and a five-hundred-yard ride is ready and equipped.

Grand Sir C. M. Busbee's condition is reported as still favorable to-day and his improvement progresses rapidly. He recognizes friends and converses with them freely.

The Motz Brothers Jailed.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., July 15.—[Special].—The preliminary trial of the Motz brothers, of Lincoln, N. C., for killing the son of Senator Samuel P. Jones, yesterday last, was concluded at Lincoln to-day.

The defense offered no evidence, and the defendants were committed to jail without being allowed bond. Charlie Motz, one of the brothers, who was wounded in the breast by Bob McNeill, is under guard at home, being unable to be taken to jail.

THE CZAR'S SHOT-PROOF CAR.

How the Emperor of Russia Travels Among His Loving Subjects.

When the Czar travels in Russia the precautions taken for his safety could not be greater if he were in the enemy's country, writes a foreign correspondent. A battalion of infantry is detailed for every two miles of distance, and allowing 500 men as the effective force of each battalion. Every spot of ground on both sides of the track is covered by sentinels within easy distance of each other. The Czar is seldomly accompanied by the station, accompanied by a chosen twelve of his body-guard, without pomp or circumstance, swiftly and silently. The Czar always travels in a train of five carriages. His carriage is built in a peculiar style.

The windows, while ample for light, are high, so that a person sitting down is invisible from the outside, and the sides of the car are fortified with plates of steel concealed in the ornamental woodwork, but amply strong to resist a bullet. There are two sentry-boxes in the carriage, one at each end, and each looking out on opposite sides of the other. The guardmen on duty in these apartments are sent in from any observation of the interior of the carriage, but at intervals of about two feet, the whole length of the saloon, are electric buttons communicating with the guard chambers, as well as with the other, and on pushing the button the other, in the rear, occupied by the guardmen, is not on duty. So far, therefore, as the train itself is concerned, the Czar could be no more secure in St. Petersburg.

The train proceeds on to its destination without a halt, except on account of accident. At a distance of not less than five miles ahead is a pioneer train, in which the imperial director of railways and the chief engineer of the particular railway on which the Czar is traveling, always ride. As the pioneer train is always in the rear, the rush to arms and guard the sides of the railway, waiting until the imperial train has passed, so that the spectacle is presented of continuous lines of soldiery for hundreds of miles. Arrived at the end of his journey, the Czar is escorted to the quarters intended for the imperial family.

The streets are guarded by special constables in the attire of citizens. Every property-owner has been called upon to supply one or more of these men at his own expense to do duty when the Sovereign makes a public appearance. The constables are chosen by the crowd that throngs the streets, and being in ordinary dress they can mingle with the people, note what is said, and, perhaps, do something that will obtain them regular employment among the secret police. With one-tenth the population engaged as spies upon the remainder, with troops enough created to stand a formidable siege, and his faithful guardmen dogging every step, the Czar goes through forms of a visit to the ancient capital of Russia or whatever city he may choose to honor.

Mrs. Sutherland Orr, in her newly published book on Browning, mentions that among his closest friends of later days was the Rev. J. D. Williams, of Bottisham, in Cambridgeshire. Mr. Williams had a distinguished university career. Among other honors, he was Browne's medalist in 1849. He is, it is almost needless to say, a Welshman, and was many years head master of a school at Brecknock. It may be hoped that this elegant scholar will yet publish some of his admirable translations from Browning.

WEATHER FORECAST.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 15.—For Virginia and North Carolina: Fair, cooler; except stationary temperature on the Carolina coast: winds becoming northwest.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC, July 16, 1891.

Sun rises.....5:31 Moon sets.....12:0 A. M.
Sun sets.....7:51 Day's length.....14h. 3m.

PORT OF LAMBERT'S POINT, JULY 15, 1891.

ARRIVED AND LOADED.

Schooner Nathan Lawrence, Portland.

COAL.

British steamship Ingram, Port Royal, S. C., to Hamburg.

RAIN AFTER BATTLE.

Cannonding as a Rain Producer—Some Notable Examples.

Just previous to the great fire in Chicago, in 1871, Mr. Edward Powers published a book on the theory of producing rain by artificial means. The plates were destroyed by the fire and the book was not republished. A new edition was issued last year bringing forward the author's theories, and the recent agitation of the subject causes his data to be of great interest. Mr. Powers' theory, says the Chicago Inter-Ocean, is in brief that there is a great and ever constant current of air moving eastward and northward over the United States which bears along with it a mass of aqueous vapor. All our storms, except a few from the Gulf of Mexico, originate in this current. It is from this current borne along at a high elevation that he would bring rain by concussion or by atmospheric disturbance produced by heavy artillery firing. But Mr. Powers lays more stress on facts than on theory.

The record shows that there had been no rain before the battle of Buena Vista, Mexico, for several months. Three showers followed the first day's engagement. On the second day's fight there was severe cannonading between 8 and 10 A. M. Immediately afterwards there was a violent rainfall. After the battle of Monterey a remarkably heavy rain succeeded the storming of the forts. The battle of Cherebuen was fought on a bright and clear day. The next day it rained violently. The battle of Molino del Rey, fought September 8, 1847, was followed in the afternoon and evening by a hard rain. Rain fell after other heavy battles in Mexico, and in the war of the Rebellion scores of cases are given in which rain fell after heavy artillery firing.

The battle of Bull Run was fought on the 21st of July, 1861. The day of the battle was bright and clear all through, but the next day was one of dreaching rain. The bombardment of Fort Mifflin took place on the 25th of April, 1862. The day was bright and clear until about 6 o'clock, when the sky became overcast with clouds and there was a rainfall for three hours. The first day's fight at Shiloh was followed by a night of dreaching rain. The second day's battle was succeeded in the night by a fearful storm.